

Salt River Fire Department Operating Guidelines

Resource Group

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The Resource Group should be established as a supply pool to provide a standby supply of personnel, equipment, and commodities for operating sectors. The Resource Group provides an identifiable location at which available supplies are assembled to provide immediate support when required. The Resource Group is also responsible for having the immediate area checked for equipment which may have been left at the scene upon termination of the incident.

Command is responsible for identifying the need for and establishment of a Resource Group and assigning its implementation. This requires the assignment of a Group officer and sufficient personnel to operate the Resource Group as outlined below.

The Resource Group should be established in close proximity to the scene of operations, but outside of the defined fireground/medical incident perimeter in a safe location.

For high-rise operations, the Resource Group is normally established two floors below the fire floor or other safe environment location below the fire. Command may identify the location of the Resource Group or direct the assigned sector officer to find and announce an appropriate location. The Resource Group Officer should attempt to locate an area large enough to meet the foreseeable needs of the Resource Group, which may be much larger than initial needs would dictate. This will avoid congestion and the need to relocate the Group.

The Resource Group exists to provide immediate support to operating Groups or Divisions. This requires anticipation of equipment and/or personnel, which will be needed.

The Resource Group Officer should attempt to identify the types of equipment and supplies, which will be required for the situation and provide delivery to the Resource Group. This often involves moving tools and equipment from apparatus in Staging to the Resource Group (in a high-rise, this would also involve Lobby Control.) Typical supplies include spare air bottles, hose, nozzles, hand tools, blowers, lights and loss control equipment. For major medical incidents backboards, c-collars, oxygen, and associated equipment should be assembled.

Command must maintain an adequate number of fresh crews in Resource. In high-rise fires, as companies arrive in staging and their apparatus is not needed for fire operations, crews should be sent to Resource Group. Companies in the Resource Group should be kept intact and assigned as a unit. Command will call Resource to assign available companies to operating Groups or Divisions.

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Companies may be returned to Resource Group to standby for further assignment when released from operating sectors or from a Rehabilitation Group when directed by Command.

The Resource Group will maintain an inventory of equipment, supplies and available companies at all times.

A minimum of one company for every company on the fire floor should be maintained in Resource. The Group officer will assign sufficient personnel to provide for adequate support within the sector including necessary movement of equipment. A log will be maintained of all assignments of companies to other sectors including time of assignment. Equipment areas in the resource pool should be grouped by type, denoting equipment that is ready for use and equipment that is depleted.

In high-rise fires, the radio designation "Resource" should include the floor number that Resource is located on (i.e., "Resource 25"). This will assist firefighting forces in locating Resource Group within the building.

Communications will involve interaction with Command and Staging to provide supplies to the Resource Group (in a high-rise incident Lobby Control will also be involved.) Operating Groups or Divisions may obtain equipment by direct communication with "Resource." Personnel requests will be directed to Command and Command will direct Resource Group on assignments of companies to other Groups or Divisions.